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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor: Masaaki OKA  
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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EDITING IMAGES, AND  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REPRODUCING THE EDITED  
IMAGES**  
Examiner: Girumsew Wendmagegn  
Group Art Unit: 2621

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated July 22, 2009, setting a three-month period for response, submitted herewith is a petition for a two-month extension of time, extending the period for response to December 22, 2009. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: